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REF: WARSAW 4450

1. JAN LESZKIEWICZ, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MINISTRY OF
MINING DELEGATION COMING TO THE MEETING IN THE US ON COAL
RESEARCH COOPERATION, HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS
TO THE INFORMATION IN REF.

2. REGARDING THE SUGGESTED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

(A) IN REFERENCE TO THE 16 NEW PROPOSALS, A SELECTION AMONG
THESE MUST OF COURSE BE MADE BECAUSE ONLY 28 MILLION ZLOTYS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE JOINT FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE POLES
ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN IMPROVEMENT
IN METHODS FOR TESTING THE QUALITY OF WATER IN UNDERGROUND
COAL MINES. THEY ALSO HOPE THE US TEAM WOULD BE
WILLING TO CONSIDER TWO OTHER POSSIBLE PROJECTS (ADDITIONAL
TO THE 16 PROPOSALS) WHICH THEY HAD ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED
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IN 1976. THESE ARE: HYDROGENATION OF COAL EXTRACTS IN
SOLID AND FLUID BEDS, AND HYDROGENATION OF PRIMARY TAR
RELATING TO PRODUCTION OF LIQUID FUELS. THEREFORE, AS WE
UNDERSTAND IT, THE POLES HOPE THE SELECTION CAN BE MADE
FROM AMONG A TOTAL OF 18 PROPOSALS.

(B) IN REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING US

EQUIPMENT BY TRANSFER OR LEASE, THE POLES ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN A LABORATORY CENTRIFUGE FOR SEPARATING NON-REACTIVE SOLIDS FROM COAL EXTRACTS, FOR BENCH SCALE; INDICATORS FOR HYDROGEN FLOW; GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT; AND X-RAY APPARATUS FOR STRUCTURE TESTING OF COAL AND COKE.

(C) THE POLES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT US PROJECTS AND PLANS REGARDING COAL GASIFICATION ON A COMMERCIAL SCALE.

(D) THEY ALSO HOPE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION WITH DOE OR PRIVATE US FIRMS FOR THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT PLANT RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE OF COAL LIQUEFACTION OR GASIFICATION. THEY SUGGEST IT BE LOCATED IN POLAND BECAUSE OF LOWER COSTS HERE. THERE WOULD NEED TO BE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROTECTION OF KNOW-HOW OR OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.

3. REGARDING FIELD TRIPS, THEY SUGGEST FOR US CONSIDERATION: (A) AS FIRST PREFERENCE, THE PILOT PLANT FOR BIGAS AT HOMER CITY, PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ENERGY CENTER AT BRUCETON IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA, AND/OR (B) THE PILOT PLANT FOR THE AGGLOMERATING BONNER PROCESS AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

4. THE POLISH DELEGATION WOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11 OR 18 (VIA LOT TO NEW YORK), AND WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAVE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16 OR 23 FROM NEW YORK ON LOT. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY ABOUT DOE PREFERENCES ON ARRIVAL DATE.

5. FYI: VICE MINISTER BARANOWSKI DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, BUT RUSEN WILL ACT AS INTERPRETER AS NECESSARY . LESZKIEWICZ HAS A WORKABLE COMMAND OF ENGLISH. SCHAUFELLE

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